

**MEDICAL LABORATORY BOARD
PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

Date: January 14, 2004

Time: 1:00 p.m., CST

Location: Cumberland Room
Ground Floor, Cordell Hull Building
425 Fifth Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37247

Members Present: Linda Lahr, MT, Committee Chairperson
Charles Handorf, MD
Martha Duncan, MT
Mary Ann Giannini, MT
Sharon Hargrove, MT
Alison McDonald, CT
Debbie Stinnett, MT
Kelly Terry, MT

Members Absent: All Personnel & Education Members were present for this meeting.

Staff Present: Lynda S. England, MT, Consultant II, Director
Cheryl H. Thacker, MT, Consultant I, Administrator
Robbie Bell, Director, Health Related Boards
Robert Kraemer, Advisory Attorney

Presiding Officer: Linda Lahr, MT

Minutes: Minutes from the personnel and education committee were presented at the full Medical Laboratory Board meeting for approval.

Proceedings and Action Taken:

1. With a quorum present, Ms. Lahr called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

Election of Committee Chairman for 2004

Ms. Giannini nominated Ms. Lahr to continue as chairperson. Dr. Handorf seconded the motion and for the nominations to end. The motion carried.

2. Review Correspondence

Ms. Thacker informed the committee that Austin Peay State University Training Program for Medical Laboratory Technologists requested approval to utilize the Cookeville Regional Medical Center Laboratory, Cookeville, TN as a clinical rotation site for its students. Ms. Giannini motioned to approve the request. Ms. Hargrove seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. England reported MedVance Institute Cookeville, TN, a state certified Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) training program has moved to a new location. With the Committee's approval, she will perform a desk review until an on-site visit can be made to the new location. The Committee indicated that would be acceptable.

3. A. Review Files for Eligibility

1. Walter Correa – Special Analyst – Cytogenetics – Memphis, TN; File #21185

Ms. Giannini recused herself from this discussion and vote. Ms. Thacker informed the Committee that Mr. Correa was educated in Argentina and clinically trained at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in cytogenetics. He also has national certification as a Clinical Laboratory Specialist in Cytogenetics with the National Credentialing Agency (NCA), obtained through examination. After discussion, Ms. Terry motioned to approve this request for licensure. Ms. Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Dipak Patel – Medical Technologist – Immunohematology – Clarksville, TN; File #21186

Ms. Thacker informed the Committee that Mr. Patel was educated and clinically trained in India in medical laboratory technology. He also has national certification as a Medical Laboratory Technologist - Immunohematology with the American Society for Clinical Pathologists (ASCP), obtained through examination. The original document from ASCP has not been received as of this date. Ms. Terry motioned to approve this request for licensure contingent upon receipt of the original certification letter from ASCP. Ms. Stinnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Dinal Champaneria – Medical Technologist – General – Lebanon, TN; File #21109

Ms. Thacker informed the Committee that Ms. Champaneria was educated and clinically trained in India in medical laboratory technology. She also has national certification as a Medical Laboratory Technologist – General

with American Medical Technologists (AMT), obtained through examination. Ms. Hargrove motioned to approve this request for licensure. Ms. Giannini seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Medical Technologist Consultant Report

1. Ms. Thacker distributed an updated training programs list for the calendar year 2004.
2. Discussion was held regarding the issuance of trainee permits to cytotechnology students entering clinical training. The Committee was in favor of this practice because it is already part of the medical laboratory technology and medical laboratory technician training protocol.

The Committee also discussed the time period between the expiration of the trainee permit and the beginning of the temporary license for all students enrolled in a state certified clinical laboratory trainee program.

Program graduates are required to make application for the temporary license, which allows the individual to work until the result of their exam score is made available to the Board's administrative office. If the graduate does not have a temporary license subsequent to completing their clinical rotation and continues to work in the laboratory the individual is in effect working without a license.

The staff questioned administrative procedures regarding these situations. Mr. Kraemer informed the Committee these situations would be handled on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Kraemer also suggested the information be forwarded to the Department's Bureau of Investigations in the form of a complaint against the employing facility as well as the graduate of the training program.

The graduate would be allowed to continue working and proceed through the application process. Ms. Hargrove made a motion to allow the graduate to proceed with the application process. The Committee would make any decision regarding civil penalties to be filed against the facility and the applicant. Ms. Giannini seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Ms. Lahr made a legislative update report regarding the requirement of continuing education for Medical Laboratory Professionals. Representative Gerome Cochran is the sponsor from the House of Representatives and is currently recruiting a Senate sponsor. The Committee discussed the number of hours to require upon passage of the bill. Ms. Lahr informed the Committee that NCA, the National Credentialing Agency, currently requires twelve (12) contact hours per

year and ASCP, the American Society for Clinical Pathologists, requires thirty-six (36) contact hours every three (3) years.

4. Ms. Thacker asked for guidance regarding the requirements/work experience necessary for a medical technologist licensed in one specialty (chemistry, microbiology, hematology, etc.) to upgrade to a medical technologist-general in the absence of formal medical technology generalist training. Ms. Bell responded that the licensee must make application to the board to determine upgrade eligibility.
5. The Committee discussed the qualifications necessary for performing the FISH (Fluorescence in Situ Hybridization) procedure. The Committee determined that this procedure is a cytogenetics test; however, it could be performed in either cytogenetics or histology. The person performing the test must be licensed as a Special Analyst-Cytogenetics or a Medical Technologist-General. If it is in question where and by what technique the test is being performed, Ms. England said a surveyor could be sent to the laboratory to determine if the test is being performed in histology or cytogenetics.

4. Review and ratification

A. New Licenses and Temporary Licenses (Attachment 1)

After review, Ms. Giannini motioned to ratify the new licenses and temporary licenses from October – December 3, 2003, with a second to the motion by Dr. Handorf. The motion carried.

B. Reinstatements (Attachment 2)

After review, Ms. Hargrove motioned to ratify the reinstatements from October-December 3, 2003, with a second to the motion by Ms. Duncan. The motion carried.

C. Closed Files

There were no closed files this quarter.

5. Rulemaking Update/ Jerry Kosten

There was no report at this time.

Statement of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on April 14, 2004 at 1p.m., CDT in the Cumberland Room, Ground Floor, Cordell Hull Building, 425 Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37247-1010.

Record of Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m. on a motion properly presented by Ms. Terry and seconded by Ms. McDonald. The motion carried.

Signature: _____
Linda Lahr, MT
Chairperson

Date: _____

Attachment 1

New Licensees

October – December 3, 2003

License Number	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
21134	Andrews	Nan J.	Ringgold, GA	Supervisor - General
21105	Black	Robin M.	Clarksville, TN	Technologist - General
21143	Booth	Jay W.L.	Baltimore, MD	Technologist - General
21167	Bowdre	Annie L.	Memphis, TN	Technologist - General
21179	Campbell	Sheila Y.	Cordova, TN	Technician - General
19590	Clayborn	Michelle D.	Memphis, TN	Supervisor - General
21044	Cooper	Jacqueline M.	Church Hill, TN	Technician - General
21088	Crawford	James A.	Gray, TN	Technician - General
21135	Crittenden	Tanula D.	Memphis, TN	Technologist - General
21065	Cronk	Jaclyn R.	Knoxville, TN	Technologist - General
21060	Elliott	Kevin N.	Oliver Springs, TN	Technologist - General
19349	England	Kristie M.	Hernando, MS	Supervisor-Cytology
21159	Engle	Billy J.	Pineville, KY	Technologist - General
20065	Forrest	Anita A.	Chattanooga, TN	Supervisor - General
21158	Fryer	Michelle J.	Nashville, TN	Technologist - General
19953	Grantham	James A.	Cordova, TN	Supervisor - General
21107	Hall	John-Joseph R.	Murfreesboro, TN	Technologist - General
21153	Henson	Freida E.	Morganton, GA	Technician - General
21123	Hunn	Sara M.	Cookeville, TN	Technician - General
21170	Hutchison	Julie A.	Clarksville, TN	Technologist - General
19661	Jarnagin	Marie C.	Ringgold, GA	Technologist - General
21064	King	Andrea L.	Oneida, TN	Technologist - General
12095	Linson	Georgia A.	Memphis, TN	Supervisor - General
21058	Lohorn	Greta A.	Smithville, TN	Technician - General
21147	Lundquist	Lucy J.	Bartlett, TN	Supervisor-Andrology
21127	Meeker	James E.	Jackson, TN	Director-Toxicology
18786	Murray	Kimberly D.	Knoxville, TN	Technologist - General

21057	Newby	Anna	Burkesville, KY	Technician - General
19433	Oldacre	Morgan L.	Old Hickory, TN	Supervisor-Cytology
21068	Pettit	Christi R.	Marion, AR	Technologist - General
21168	Pfiffer	Stephen R.	Mineral Bluff, GA	Supervisor - General
21048	Privitt	Rebecca A.	Jackson, TN	Technician - General
21144	Roache	Kymberlee R.	Nashville, TN	Technologist - General
21136	Sherman	Monique D.	Madison, TN	Technologist - General
21180	Smith	Patricia D.	Galax, VA	S.A. - Cytotechnologist
21098	Stephens	Shellee F.	Antioch, TN	Technologist - General
21083	Stevens	Gina B.	Elizabethton, TN	Technician - General
21126	Thompson	Betty J.	Cordova, TN	Supervisor - General
21155	Valentine	Angela C.	Kingsport, TN	S.A. - Cytotechnologist
21165	Wagner	Jeff C.	Madison, TN	Technologist - General
19915	Warren-Johnson	Casandra	Huntingdon, TN	Supervisor - General
21108	Williams	Tommy W.	Big Stone Gap, VA	Supervisor - General
21106	Windsor	Robert D.	Asheville, NC	Technologist - General
13994	Wright	Christopher S.	Collierville, TN	Technologist - General

LICENSES ISSUED 4TH QUARTER 2003: 44

TOTAL

TEMPORARY LICENSES

Crittenden	Tanula D.	Memphis, TN	Technologist - General
Cox	Annetha	Memphis, TN	Technician - General
Brooks	Patricia	Memphis, TN	Technician - General
Russell	Bridget	Oliver Springs, TN	Technologist - General
Wells	Jennifer	Church Hill, TN	Technician - General
Oliver	Christina	Johnson City, TN	Technician - General
Cade	Stephanie	Unicoi, TN	Technician - General
Wilson	Dovey	Memphis, TN	Technician - General
Burnside	Jonise	Cordova, TN	Technician - General
Ross	Clarisa	Knoxville, TN	Technologist - General
Cross	Heather L.	Blountville, TN	Technician - General
Boss	Tammy N.	Greeneville, TN	Technician - General
Bittinger	Rhonda	Clarksville, TN	Technologist - General
Mynatt	Charles	Knoxville, TN	Technologist - General
Cochran	Sandra D.	Johnson City, TN	Technician - General
Compton	Melissia	Fall Branch, TN	Technician - General
Wakefield	Mandy	Lafayette, TN	Technician - General

**TOTAL TEMPORARY LICENSES ISSUED 4TH QUARTER
2003: 17**

Attachment 2
Reinstatements
October – December 3, 2003

License Number	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
14141	Adkins	Arthur W. Jr.	Atlanta, GA	Technician - General
20096	Bailey	Audra D.	Memphis, TN	Technician - General
20865	Berry	Cameron M.	Big Sandy, TN	Technician - General
*13491	Brogdon	Sonya H.	Dickson, TN	Technician - General
8269	Charlton	Kim E.	Nashville, TN	Supervisor - General
5075	Dietrich	Richard D.	Greeneville, TN	Technologist - General
2074	Jensen	Carolyn R.	Chattanooga, TN	Supervisor - General
11566	Martin	Susan K.	Macon, GA	Technologist - General
14188	McGinnis	Anita F.	Knoxville, TN	Technician - General
8344	Mgbemere	Celestine C.	Nashville, TN	Technologist - General
19809	Miller	Deborah G.	Henning, TN	Technician - General
13670	Moore	Rebecca L.	Harriman, TN	Technician - General
10187	Munday	Lisa Alfaro	Sharps Chapel, TN	Technician - General
13416	Spade	Angela D.	Ewing, VA	Technologist - General
*1991	Straw	Leland S.	Knoxville, TN	Technologist - General
11078	Sutherland	Jessie H.	Hartsville, TN	Technician - General
*3073	Thomas	John A.	Cleveland, TN	Technician - General
20536	Udeshi	Uttira M.	Cordova, TN	Technician - General
19699	Williams	Amy Lee	Blountville, TN	Supervisor - General
*9988	Young	Gina P.	Mt. Juliet, TN	Technologist - General

***Reactivate Retired License TOTAL REINSTATEMENTS 4TH QUARTER
2003: 20**

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